

COAKERISM IS DOOMED!

St. John's East and West Voters Turn Out in Their Thousands to Welcome

BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES

Four Hours' Meeting Concludes at Midnight.

CASHIN, LINEGAR, and HUNT, HIGGINS, FOX, and VINICOMBE Will Have Sweeping Majorities.

Today is Newfoundland's Independence Day

Candidates Plead to the Multitude to Refrain From Public Parade and Demonstration at Close of Meeting to Comply With Election Act.

Joint meeting held in the Star Hall was presided over by Mr. J. R. Bennett, who was warmly welcomed by the thousands of people who gathered there. The meeting was held in the Star Hall, which was crowded to overflowing. The speaker, Mr. Bennett, addressed the gathering for several hours, and his remarks were warmly received. He spoke of the importance of the day and the need for a united front. He also mentioned the candidates for the coming election and their platforms. The meeting concluded at midnight, and the crowd dispersed peacefully.

In the campaign in St. John's West, Sir Michael Cashin and Mr. Hunt, who had witnessed scenes that were direct results of Coaker-Squires rule. To-day 1,800 of our best men are working in Government rock sheds due to Coaker's mismanagement of the fisheries of the country. As the representative of the laborer and workman on the ticket, he asked that labor set its representative this time, otherwise their opportunity of getting direct representation will never come again. The Government had not fulfilled one of its 23 promises. Squires-to-day is as much to blame as Coaker, and with Coaker he has got to pay the price.

HUMBER DEAL NOT THE ISSUE.
W. J. Higgins, leader of the ticket in St. John's East, the next speaker, thanked the audience for the reception and said that after to-morrow they, the candidates under Bennett's leadership, would come back with a smile on the face of the Tiger with the Squires party inside them. To some doubting Thomases who were present he said that it was all over but the cheering when John R. Bennett's party came back from the polls with the greatest majority ever known. The question of what side of politics a man was on last election was a thing of the past. There were men on the platform who voted against them in 1919, but to-night they were solid to a man to put Squires out of power. Referring to the failure of the Government to open the House of Assembly, Mr. Higgins said that the Opposition could not eat them, they could only talk to them. If the Humber Deal was brought down and was not a proper one they could only raise a row. Now people are told that the election is called to decide whether we are to have this Humber Deal or not, which was absolute nonsense. If there was any man who was of the opinion that Squires had played the game, he was either a prejudiced rogue or a finished liar. He did not claim that all the brains were in the Bennett Party, but there was enough to salvage something from the wreckage left by Squires. The present candidates did not attempt to make believe that when they were elected everything would at once

become rosy and that money would fall like rain. It would take some time before matters would be straightened out, but it was certain that the party were able to give an honest day's work and will not be always muttering "Umber, Umber, Umber." The country's industries will all be helped but the main thing is the fishery and it will receive complete and close attention. It may be possible that relief work will have to be continued, but it will only be until men can be put back to work at their proper avocations. Mr. Higgins appealed to the working men of St. John's West, particularly, not to listen to the whisperings of "what about the Prime Minister?" Their duty is to vote the straight ticket only. The talk of Cashin as Premier was all bosh. Cashin will not be Premier. John R. Bennett is to be the Premier and he alone. The dying wall of the Government is for a split vote and for the sake of all they held dear Mr. Higgins appealed to the men to vote all or none for one side or the other. Whatever district the people were in they have either to be satisfied with the Government or not. In conclusion Mr. Higgins stated he had received a telegram from Sir John Crosbie, who sent his best respects to the people of St. John's, and assured them that a veritable landslide was going to occur in Bay de Verde and that he and Puddister were coming back with large majorities.

East End Ballot Paper

How to Mark Your Ballot

- 1—BARTLETT
Henry Bartlett, of St. John's, Contractor.
- 2—BULLEY
Arthur R. Bulley, of St. John's, Commission Merchant.
- 3—BURKE
Joseph P. Burke, of St. John's, Insurance Salesman.
- 4—DUNFIELD
Brian Dunfield, of St. John's, Barrister.
- 5—FOX
Cyril James Fox, of St. John's, Barrister.
- 6—HIGGINS
William J. Higgins, of St. John's, King's Counsel.
- 7—VINICOMBE
Nicholas J. Vinicombe, of St. John's, Grocer.

VOTE THE STRAIGHT TICKET
FOX HIGGINS VINICOMBE
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WHY YOU CAN'T SUPPORT GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Hunt joined with his colleagues in complimenting St. John's on their extraordinary demonstration, which was a sure indication of six candidates for St. John's. He pointed out there were four points on which the election had to be decided, viz: The record of the Government; the proposed Humber proposition; the Manifesto of Sir R. A. Squires and the Manifesto of the leader of the Opposition, Mr. J. R. Bennett. The record of the Government was the saddest and blackest since we had responsible government. When they were elected in 1919 they made 23 promises not one of which was carried out. Throughout the sessions not one act of any benefit was carried into effect, for the fisherman, labourer or farmer. They had broken keep the promises of his 1919 manifesto on a policy of economy, and on sooner were they returned than they increased their own salaries from \$200 to \$1,000, and Executive heads from \$2,000 to \$4,000 and that at a time when men were looking for work in vain and widows were without food and clothing. They next appointed a Commission and imported detectives at a cost of \$15,000 to prove that Cashin and Crosbie were honourable men. The blackest page in the history of the Government was the Fishery Regulations, which cost millions to the country and sent many of our best firms to the wall. Coaker is now threatening nationalization of our codfisheries, if returned which means the ruination of St. John's, as once the fish is taken out of St. John's the labourer and all in the city will suffer. He was the great menace facing the country to-day, and it was not a fair deal for the people to be held in the grip of one man, to do as he dictated. The many cases of abject poverty in the city to-day were directly due to the mismanagement of our great fishing industry. Mr. Hunt referred to the Squires Manifesto and its lack of policy and compared it to Mr. Bennett's straight and open pronouncement which was the only hope for Newfoundland, as he promised above everything else the preservation of the fisheries which support 80 per cent of Newfoundland and without which we cannot exist.

ABSOLUTELY NO EXCUSE.

Mr. C. J. Fox was the next speaker, and like the preceding candidates was given a whole-hearted welcome. In a forceful speech of nearly one hour, Mr. Fox reviewed the issues now before the country. The Government themselves were ashamed of their record, and that is why the House was closed, and a general election sprung on the country. They could not put forth a reasonable excuse for their actions. The Humber cry is a fictitious cry, as the Humber is not the policy of the Government. It is already as well known an accomplishment as it is being used to divide the people. As Newfoundlanders we must put an end to the wholesale emigration of our best manhood, 10,000 or more of whom have gone out the Narrows since Coaker and Squires got control. The Government has abandoned constitutional authority and have done everything by Minute-of-Council.

A RECORD OF INCOMPETENCE.

In response to the insistent demand of the audience, Mr. John Stone, the leader of the Opposition team in Trinity District addressed them. Mr. Stone took part of the Squires' Manifesto of 1919 and showed up its falsity. He referred in scathing terms to the fleet of ships which the country had to pay dearly. The manner in which the Herring industry was neglected as well as the possibilities of Refined Cod Liver Oil also came in for severe castigation. Squires said he would put the Reids in their places but as soon as he got in power

MALADMINISTRATION QUITS TO-DAY.

Sir Michael Cashin thanked the audience for coming in their thousands. He was struck very much by the remarks of the chairman, who was recognized as a thinking man. Sir Michael referred to the manner in which the Squires Government squandered the surplus left by the previous administration and had increased taxation. Where formerly thirty-seven and a half millions was the value of our exports, out of which a revenue of nine and a half millions was derived, to-day the exports are only ten and a half millions and eleven and a half millions are collected in revenue. The additional million was paid out of a six million dollar loan. The Government say they have a Humber Deal. What is it? Sir Richard Squires was using it to try and gain election, but he was afraid to come on a platform and discuss it with the people. Sir Michael referred to the manner in which the House of Assembly was closed and asked if the Humber Deal was the fine proposition they said it was, why didn't they put it before the House of Assembly as it should have been? To-night Squires was before the people with a manifesto which was full of abuse. The proper thing for him to do is to tell the people why he did not keep his promises of his 1919 manifesto. Continuing his remarks Sir Michael said the Mail called the fight a "spite campaign." So well it might be a spite campaign, the spite of every Newfoundlander against Squires maladministration. Sir Richard Squires was responsible for this and he was asking for re-election without showing why.

he gave them two millions and has, so it is reported, given them another million and a half. He has allowed them to increase their passenger rates one cent per mile and freight rates from forty to eighty per cent. Mr. Stone referred to the famous roads that were built and also to the failure to erect the Outport hospitals. Mr. Stone's remarks were heartily received and at the close of his speech he was given three hearty cheers. Mr. Stone came to town yesterday to look after the Trinity Bay booth here. Mr. Higgins then called for three cheers for the chairman, for Mr. Bennett, for the candidates, which were given with whole-souled vigor and the meeting then adjourned near about midnight.

Can't Help Bluffing.

Bluffing seems to be a complaint with the Advocate and Mail scribes who throughout the campaign have turned and twisted every argument and contention which called for truth and verification. In the special edition of the Mail this morning the reporters of the meeting stated almost three thousand people were present in the Majestic Theatre. To prove the absurdity of this statement we have only to mention the seating capacity of the Majestic which is 1135 allowing that between another three or four hundred would find standing room, it will be clearly seen that if the hall was filled to capacity, the most that could possibly assemble, at one time would not exceed fifteen hundred. Make a fair comparison with this gathering and the meeting, at the Star Theatre which is without exception the largest in the city which was crissed to the doors, hundreds could not get standing room. Boxes, aisles and entrances were jammed with an eager enthusiastic assemblage and long after midnight hundreds despite the inclemency of the weather waited in the hope that they would hear open air addresses from their popular representatives and accord them a public demonstration. But as it was long after midnight before the theatre was vacated, it was deemed advisable to refrain from any demonstration of this nature for the principal reason that without exception all the St. John's Bennett candidates will be elected with sweeping majorities and their opponents might avail of this excuse to have them unseated. If there were two thousand people in the Majestic there were five thousand in the Star and bluffing and misstatements of this nature do cause very little credit or advantage. The people will have spoken to-day and all the deceit they can manufacture cannot stave off the inevitable that is generally accepted in the slogan of Bennett and Better Times. St. John's is finished with Coaker and Squires.

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West End Ballot Paper

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Hon. Alexander Campbell, of St. John's, Minister Agriculture & Mines.
- 2—CASHIN
Sir M. P. Cashin, of St. John's, Merchant. **X**
- 3—FITZGIBBON
Joseph Fitzgibbon, of St. John's, Draper.
- 4—HUNT
Charles E. Hunt, of St. John's, Barrister-at-Law. **X**
- 5—LINEGAR
William J. Linegar, of St. John's, Cooper. **X**
- 6—SQUIRES
Sir Richard Squires, of St. John's, Prime Minister and Colonial Secretary.

VOTE THE STRAIGHT TICKET
CASHIN HUNT LINEGAR
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